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Ambassador Khatib dies in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 12 (R) — Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Pakistan, Sheikh Riad al-Khatib, died at his residence Friday night soon after returning from a trip home, embassy officials said Saturday.

The Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) news agency said he died of a suspected heart attack and was found dead in bed by his staff Saturday morning.

The ambassador, 60, had been accredited to Pakistan since December 1973. He has served in Afghanistan, Algeria and the United Nations.

Sheikh Riad was born in Mecca and educated at universities in Beirut and Damascus.

He returned from Saudi Arabia Friday night after accompanying Pakistan Foreign Secretary Shah Nawaz on a brief visit to seek support for a conference of Islamic foreign ministers and to discuss the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan with the Saudi Arabian government.

Pakistan has support of friends--Zia

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 12 (Agencies) — President Gen. Muhammad Zia ul Haq said Saturday Pakistan is not alone in the situation created by the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and has the support of "reliable friends."

Addressing citizens at Saudi Sharif in northern Pakistan, 96 kilometers miles west of the Afghan border, Zia said: "The Pakistani nation need not be perturbed in the face of the present situation."

"Pakistan is not alone in this situation and it has the support of reliable friends." He did not name the countries which may support Pakistan in the event of further Soviet aggression in the region.

Zia said, "Afghanistan's position as a buffer state has been demolished by recent Soviet intervention in that country."

He said, "A super power has taken over Afghanistan in broad daylight and the Soviet borders have now reached Torkhman and Chaman." The two towns are Pakistani border points along the Afghan border. Torkhman is located on the mouth of the Khyber Pass in the northwest frontier province and Chaman in the southwestern Baluchistan province of Pakistan. Khyber Pass has often been used by armies invading the India-Pakistan subcontinent over the past centuries.

Zia said in the next few days, he will have a meeting of representatives from various sectors in Pakistan to "formulate a national response to the present situation."

Meanwhile, Canada hit the Soviet Union with a package of trade restrictions Friday and promised a campaign to move the 1980 Summer Olympics from Moscow to protest the invasion of Afghanistan.

But the trade actions, announced by Prime Minister Clark, were designed carefully to protect the Canadian taxpayer. They are also unlikely to do much damage to the Soviet Union.

The steps include limiting Canadian wheat sales to the Soviet Union to the "traditional level" of about three million tons a year. The government is also ending a line of credit to Moscow and exploring other economic ties.

Canada will talk with other former Olympic host countries about shifting the summer games from Moscow, possibly to Montreal, the Prime Minister said.

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Many rebels killed Soviets raid cantonment, close to Pakistan border

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 12 (AP) — The Soviets are continuing to bomb the Birkok cantonment in northeastern Afghanistan and close to the Pakistan border, and have broken the siege by Islamic rebels there, the *Daily Jang* of Rawalpindi reported Saturday.

Quoting reports received from across the Afghanistan border, the newspaper said a large number of rebels have been killed as a result of the Soviet bombing, but their exact number is not known. The report could not immediately be confirmed from independent sources.

It said 1,000 fully-equipped Soviet paratroopers, reported to be well trained in mountain warfare, have landed at Birkok to reinforce Soviet troops surrounding the cantonment. The Soviets are digging trenches in the area, and building fox holes, it said.

The newspaper also said that the Soviets are planning a major military operation against the rebels who control Nooristan province. It said the Soviets have bombed the Nooristan area several times in the past few days, killing 140 residents, and injuring many others.

Meanwhile, a representative of the Islamic rebels in Pakistan said in a statement that "all the Islamic Mujahideen and their supporters are determined to enforce the Islamic rule in Afghanistan."

"They are determined to fight the Soviets, throw them out of Afghanistan and install a government which follows Islam."

The statement said "The Soviet Union which is a superpower, cannot subjugate the Islamic people of Afghanistan, even if it (Soviets) commits its entire military might in Afghanistan." The statement claimed that the Islamic Mujahideen have won several victories against the Soviets and control the provinces of Badakhshan, Takhar and Nooristan, the three northern provinces of Afghanistan.

Muslim rebels reportedly battled Soviet troops in eastern Afghanistan as Soviet and Afghan soldiers stamped out an attempt by more than 80 Afghan civilians to free relatives as political prisoners at a jail near Lashkar Gah.

Heavy fighting was continuing around the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad, 50 kilometers from the border with Pakistan, according to reports reaching the Pakistani city of Karachi on Friday. A leader of the anti-Communist rebels told Pakistan Press International that 50 Soviet soldiers died in the fighting there Thursday, and a Soviet bomber was downed by the guerrillas.

According to some intelligence sources in Washington, the Russians are leaving the bulk of the current fighting to Afghan army troops. But it took both Afghan and Soviet troops to put down the rebellion Friday at the prison 24 kilometers east of Kabul.

More than 800 Afghans, screaming "Russia gets out," stormed the prison and tore

Tells politicians 'hands off'

Bring Olympics home, Athens says

ATHENS, Jan. 12 (Agencies) — Denouncing attempts to involve politics in sports, the Greek Olympic Committee said Saturday it would again propose that the Olympic Games be held in this country all the time.

Earlier this week, Greek Premier Konstantine Carramannis repeated his 1976 proposal that the Olympic Games be returned to the country of their origin "in order to preclude political and commercial influences harming the Olympic ideal."

The statement addressed the possibility that several Western nations might boycott the Moscow Olympics this year in retaliation against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

The committee added that the Greek proposal for the permanent return of the games to their ancient birthplace "could prove to be a solution to the problems and dangers which in general threaten the Olympic games."

But in Canada, Prime Minister Joe Clark said his country is prepared to consider having this year's Olympic Games transferred from Moscow to Montreal, which staged the 1976 games.

Announcing a package of measures aimed at pressuring the Soviet Union to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan he said their presence there was a serious threat to world peace.

He said Canada would hold grain exports to the Soviet Union at their present level.

"It will not be business as usual with Canada," he told a press conference.

Clark said the government had also

Syrian envoy leaves

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — Syrian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Abdul Hamid Dorkul left Saturday at the end of his tenure.

He was seen off at the airport by Sheikh Saadun Sunbul, the head of Foreign Affairs Ministry Protocol, and his embassy staff.

The statement was prompted by a letter from a pro-Moscow Palestinian group submitted Thursday in the trial of two Italian leftists and a Jordanian accused of smuggling two Soviet-made Exocet missiles into Italy.

The letter, dated Jan. 2 from Beirut and carrying the heading of the "International Relations Committee" of Dr. George Habash's People's Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), said the launchers were out of order and not meant to be used in Italy.

An extremist group to whom the three defendants belong, said in a recent statement that the Italian government "knew about the weapons all the time."

Council adjourns vote on sanctions

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 12 (Agencies) — The U.N. Security Council postponed at least until Saturday evening a vote on a U.S. request for economic sanctions against Iran.

In a short, five-minute meeting of the council, U.S. Ambassador Donald F. McHenry agreed Friday to the postponement "despite our serious doubts" that any serious result will come from the delay.

A meeting of the council to take up the sanctions question again was scheduled for 6 p.m. EST (2300 GMT) Saturday.

French Ambassador Jacques Leprette, president of the council for January, announced at the opening of the meeting that a proposal to put off the vote was made during private consultation because of "new facts that council members might want to consider."

Diplomatic sources had earlier reported that a message from Iran had been received by U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim from Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh through the Iranian mission to the United Nations.

Discussion of this new information had delayed the public meeting by about five hours.

The message, which the Iranians transmitted orally and which they reportedly do not want put in writing, was termed "one step forward" by Western sources.

It asked the United Nations to recognize the legitimacy of Iran's demands for the extradition of the deposed Shah and his money, sources said.

Revolutionary leaders have consistently held that the ousted Iranian monarch "looted" Iran during his rule and upon his departure.

The sources said it was unclear exactly what Iran was offering in return, but they ruled out the possibility that the hostages' freedom would come in direct exchange.

McHenry told reporters later he had received "no communication in terms of a piece of paper" and that he did not expect one.

He said that on the basis of "oral comments" he received during the afternoon, "we decided to pursue them."

"We do not want to follow the course of a herd of buffalo and simply proceed in one direction without considering events which ought to be given consideration," he said.

"But I have to be candid with you, I don't expect very much, if anything, to come out of them. But the responsible thing to do is consider them. And that, we are doing."

Asked about the contents of the message, he said no "useful purpose" would be served by revealing something "so vague that I do not understand it myself."

Stressing that he did not want to "raise expectations," he said, "I think it is very clear the council is committed to vote tomorrow evening unless there is this unexpected information which will lead us to change ... I do not expect anything that would cause us not to vote tomorrow."

The message reportedly encouraged non-aligned countries to urge postponement of a vote on the U.S. sanctions proposal.

One diplomatic informant said they sought postponement at least until Iran's Jan. 25 presidential elections.

The council had been expected to vote Friday at a public meeting following the closed session.

Although a Soviet veto was regarded as certain, the United States had sought quick action and hoped for a strong enough showing to gain a symbolic victory on its sanctions request. For this, the United States is dependent at least some non-aligned votes.

Iran also has sent a warrant to Panama for the arrest of the deposed Shah on charges of mass murder and embezzlement of state funds, foreign ministry officials said Saturday.

They said Foreign Minister Ghotbzadeh wrote to Panamanian President Aristides Rojo Friday asking for the exiled monarch's immediate arrest.

Ghotbzadeh said in the letter accompanying the warrant issued by an Iranian police inspector that Iran would make a formal request for extradition within 60 days of the Shah's arrest.

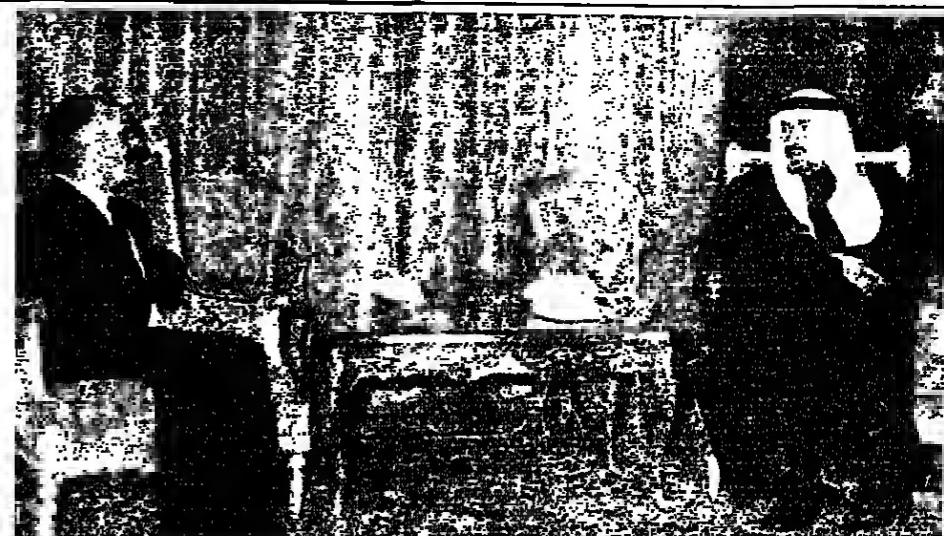
The deposed monarch, overthrown in Iran's Islamic revolution last year, has been living on Panama's Contadora Island since he left the United States after cancer treatment last month.

"With great respect, together with this letter we send a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Muhammad Reza Pahlavi which has been issued by Police Inspector Rezai. We are sending this to you officially," Ghotbzadeh said in the document.

"We emphasize that formal request for extradition will be sent to you within 60 days of the date of arrest," the letter said.

"We request that by virtue of article six, section 44 of the Panamanian Legal Code, dated Nov. 22, 1930, your excellency will oblige us by immediately issuing the order to arrest Mr. Muhammad Reza Pahlavi," it added.

The student militants occupying the mission have said they will only free the captives once the Shah is returned to Iran.



WELCOMES HUSSEIN: King Khaled welcomes King Hussein of Jordan upon arrival in Riyadh Saturday. The two leaders later held talks on bilateral relations, the Middle East and international issues. (SPA photo)

Abdul Ghani, Carrington in Riyadh

King meets Hussein

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Jan. 12 — The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was the major concern of three official visitors in Riyadh Saturday.

King Hussein of Jordan, North Yemen Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani, and Lord Carrington, the British foreign secretary, converged on the Saudi capital for talks with King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and other Saudi Arabian leaders.

All four countries have strongly condemned the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan which led to the overthrow and death of President Hafizullah Amin.

Lord Carrington is on a five-nation tour to discuss the implications and consequences of the Soviet intervention. He has already held talks in Ankara, Turkey, and Oman. He is due in Pakistan Jan. 14.

The 42 member states of the Organization of Islamic Conference has called for a meeting to be held in Pakistan Jan. 26 to discuss the Soviet invasion and take steps to counter it.

Saudi Arabia and Jordan will be among those attending the conference.

King Hussein will be leaving Sunday for Kuwait after which he will visit Qatar and Oman for talks with their leaders presumably on the same subject and others of mutual interest.

He is accompanied by Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, the Head of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lozi, Minister of the Royal Court Amer Khammash, and his Military Advisor Muhammad Idris.

Formal talks between King Khaled and King Hussein were held in the evening.

"They covered bilateral relations and recent Arab and international developments," according to SPA.

The talks were attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Deputy Premier Prince Abdullah, Defense Minister Prince Sultan, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, Special Advisor Dr. Rashad Pharaon, and the Saudi Arabian Ambassador in Amman Sheikh Ibrahim Al Sultan.

On his arrival at the airport King Hussein was received by King Khaled, Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, Prince Sultan and many other dignitaries.

Abdul Ghani said his visit comes within the framework of ongoing consultations which reflect the complete understanding that prevails and the excellent standard of relations between the two countries.

Meanwhile, it was reported in Islamabad that an emergency session of the foreign ministers of the Islamic countries will be held there to discuss Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and to chart a common strategy to get the troops withdrawn.

He is carrying a written message from President Ali Abdullah Saleh to King Khaled



CYCLISTS : A team of four Swiss cyclists at Jeddah Airport upon arrival from Geneva. They are cycling their way to Riyadh as part of the two countries interest to boost relations. The team was received in Jeddah by Saudi representatives from left : Yousef El Maleh, Fawzi Khnissi, and Hisham Majasob. The cyclists are from left : Lachat Marcel, Favre Didier, Doutrepont Eric and Crittin Gerard. (See story page 2)

In Jeddah**Gulf pollution accord to be signed**

By Munir M. Ali

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 — The efforts of Saudi Arabia at controlling the pollution of the seas are bearing fruit in a conference at the Sheraton Hotel here. The conference, opened Saturday by Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen, will conclude an agreement on a regional marine meteorological program, first proposed by Saudi Arabia in 1977.

The conference will end in ten days, after delegates from eight Gulf states have signed an agreement on improving and planning all aspects of marine meteorological services. An environmental information center for the Gulf will also be built under the agreement. The signatory states will be helped to establish and improve their own meteorological services, and research and training will be encouraged.

With Syria as observer, the states attending are Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

Attending the conference as observers are representatives of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO), the United Nations Environment Protection Program (UNEP), and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC).

Prince Saud's opening the meeting was followed by a speech by Sheikh Romaih Mansour Al-Roman, director general of meteorology, in which he emphasized the importance of advanced meteorological services to fight sea pollution.

After Saudi Arabia's proposal of a regional marine meteorological program, the first preparatory meeting was held here in 1977.

during which the participants agreed on the necessity of establishing an integral regional marine meteorological program.

The second preparatory conference was held in Tehran in 1978. It was agreed then that another meeting be held to discuss the technical aspects of the agreement. That conference was held in Geneva in June 1979.

S. Mizuno, the head of the ocean affairs division of WMO, thanked the General Directorate of Meteorology for its "untiring efforts" to promote the program.

"It is gratifying that the preparatory work

Press to be briefed about Mecca attack

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif will hold a press conference at 6 p.m. Sunday at the ministry's conference hall to discuss the events at the Holy Haram. The conference will be attended by local, Arab and international correspondents.

The Council of Ministers has meanwhile received many cables of support to King Khalid from tribal chiefs and people throughout the Kingdom after the recent execution of gang that seized the Holy Haram.

The cables said that the beheading was the request of every Saudi Arabian and every Muslim. Just rulings against the assailants followed the Sharia. They denoted the real spirit of tolerance of Islam and satisfied the soul and conscience of Muslims throughout the world after their wrath and anger at the invasion of the Holy Haram.

The cables described the verdicts as the glorification of right and a deterrent to anyone who dared play havoc with the security of the country and desecrate its shrines, or indulges in any blasphemy.

Nasr held to draw**Ittihad takes over first place in League**

By David Smith

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 — Jeddah's Ittihad moved into first place in the Saudi Arabian Premier League Friday as close rival Nasr was held to a draw by Nahda in Dammam. Ittihad's 3-1 victory over Mecca's Wehda on Jeddah put Detmar Cramer on the 13 point mark, one ahead of Nasr.

Last year's champion Hilal stayed in third place on 11 points with King's Cup bolder Ahli a point behind Hilal in fourth place after a 3-2 win over Kadasia in Dammam Thursday.

After three successive draws Ittihad got back on the winning trail against a goal-less Wehda side. The Mecca team has netted only five times in eight outings this season, and was no match for a sharp Ittihad side. West German midfield player Erich Beer opened the scoring for the Jeddah team after 25 minutes and Ittihad went into the half-time interval with a one goal lead.

Wehda equalized eight minutes into the second half with a goal by Abdullah Hanza, but Ittihad made sure of the match with a 63rd minute free-kick by international defender Issa Hawaja and a third goal by Abdurrahim player Erich Beer opened the scoring for the Jeddah team after 25 minutes and Ittihad went into the half-time interval with a one goal lead.

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After a surprise defeat at the hands of Ohood, Nasr was looking to get back into winning form against draw specialists Nahda. Nahda had drawn five of its seven matches this season and the no-scoring result against

Nasr took the tally to six. Nahda has conceded only five goals this year, and no side has managed to score more than once against the Dammam team. Nahda is also finding it difficult to put the ball in its opponents' net and a 0-0 draw was always a likely outcome of this match.

Nasr did not seem to upset by the Ohood result and the Nahda goalkeeper was the busiest man on the field. Yousif Khamis was behind many of the Nasr attacks with searching passes and penetrating runs from midfield. The left-footed Khamis is similar in style to players like Gerson of Brazil's 1970 World Cup side, and Bertie Auld of Celte's 1967 European Cup side, having the ability to bend passes around defenders and into the path of his forwards.

His partnership with Brazilian Gzelino in Nasr's midfield is the basis of its dominance this year, and creates many chances for Abdurrahim, Majid Abdullah and Darwisch up front. Unfortunately for Nasr, the strikers could not finish off the build-up, and on the occasions when they managed to get the ball on target, they found the Nahda goalkeeper equal to the task.

Nahda played cohesive football in midfield, but never looked like getting past the powerful Nasr defense, and spent most of the game back in its own half facing the Nasr attack.

Nasr had the ball in the net after 35

minutes when a right wing cross found Gzelino in the penalty area and the Brazilian headed past a stranded keeper. Nasr's joy was short-lived, however, as the referee gave an offside decision against Darwisch.

The Nahda goalkeeper bad several fine saves in the first half, notably when he came off his line quickly to dive at the feet of Abdurrahim as he bore in on goal. This pattern continued in the second half.

A near Yousif Khamis run down the left flank ended with his long swinging cross being punched over for a corner. Majid Abdullah had a left foot shot saved, then Abdurrahim saw his neatly contrived hook shot fly straight at the keeper.

Nasr's best chance came after 72 minutes, when Abdurrahim managed to send a magnificent long cross from the corner flag to the far post where Majid rose above the defense only to send his header straight at the keeper.

Nasr must have realised by this time that this was not to be its day, and this was confirmed when the Nahda goalkeeper tipped a Gzelino shot past the post then capped a fine performance by punching a Majid header over the bar with five minutes to go.

Hilal stayed with the leaders by beating Shebab 2-0 in Riyadh. Goals by Rivelino and Najib Imam were sufficient to give Hilal both points after dropping points against Ittihad and Nahda in successive weeks.

Another side to get back into winning mood was Didi's Ahli. Having dropped three points in its last two games Ahli bad to win this one to stay in contention at the top of the table.

Kadasia scored first through Farid Al-Maeedi, but Amr Dabbo equalized for Ahli and Farigie put the Jeddah side aboard shortly after. Kadasia got back on level terms with a goal by Bakri Said, and the teams were locked together at 2-2 at half-time.

Ahli notched the winner on the hour when Amr Dabbo scored his second goal of the game to give the cup bolder a 3-2 victory.

In the bottom of the table class Ittifaq defeated Ohood 2-0 with goals by Salim Hamdan and Salim Nimsan. This result leaves Ohood firmly anchored at the foot of the table two points behind Shetab. One point ahead of Shebab is a pack of three sides: Wehda, Ittifaq and Kadasia, who must be concerned about the prospect of relegation.

The season reaches the halfway stage after the next round of League matches which feature two local Derbys between the top four sides. Ahli take on League leader Ittihad in a match which will pack the Jeddah stadium and create intense interest in the city. The last time the two sides met was in the Cup final when Ahli ran out convincing winners by 4-0. Ittihad has matured considerably this season, and will be all out Friday to retain its undefeated record and gain revenge for this defeat.

In Riyadh Thursday, second placed Nasr meet third placed Hilal in another match that is vital to the league hopes of both clubs.

A third local Derby takes place in Dammam when Kadasia meet Nahda in what should be a close match, while in Riyadh Shebab plays Ohood in a relegation battle. The final sees Ittifaq take on Wehda in a game which both clubs will be desperate to lift themselves clear of the relegation zone.

Results:

	Pld	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Ittihad	8	5	0	3	13	6	13
Nasr	8	5	1	2	18	7	12
Hilal	8	4	1	3	12	8	11
Ahli	8	2	2	3	10	8	10
Nahda	8	1	1	6	7	5	8
Kadasia	8	2	4	2	9	10	6
Ittifaq	8	2	4	2	9	12	6
Wehda	8	1	3	4	5	12	6
Shebab	8	1	4	3	6	14	5
Ohood	8	1	6	1	7	14	3

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Nahda	8	1	1	6	7	5	8
Kadasia	8	2	4	2	9	10	6
Ittifaq	8	2	4	2	9	12	6
Wehda	8	1	3	4	5	12	6
Shebab	8	1	4	3	6	14	5
Ohood	8	1	6	1	7	14	3

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CYCLISTS : The Swiss team on arrival in Jeddah. From left, they are Gerard Crittin, Didier Favre, Marcel Lachat and Eric Doutrelepont.

En route to Dammam

Swiss cyclists make Taif

By Joseph Elmali

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 — Four Swiss cyclists making their way across the peninsula by pedal arrived in Taif Saturday afternoon. They had ridden from Jeddah on their way to Riyadh and Dammam, a distance of 1,750 kilometers.

The team arrived in Jeddah Wednesday, and the men set out for Taif Friday morning. They hope to make 130 kilometers a day, riding for seven hours. They had intended to demonstrate hang-gliding along the way, but no permits were available.

One of the cyclists is a businessman who sells sports goods to the Kingdom, named Didier Favre. He has visited the Kingdom more than 15 times but saw "only the Stereoland in Jeddah and the Intercontinental in Riyadh."

In a meeting with Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal, and his son Prince Muhammad, Didier was convinced to try a different approach.

"In Switzerland, people know Saudi Arabia through oil and prices, but I intend to introduce the Kingdom through sports, which is an international language."

The team also includes Marcel Lachat 32, a professional hang glider who was a member of the Swiss team that won the world championship in 1979. Eric Doutrelepont 27, a photographer and who will film the ride for Swiss television, and Farid Mansour, who lives in Saudi Arabia. All are sure it is possible to cross the Kingdom.

They are expected to arrive Riyadh on Jan. 20, where they will rest for two days before going on to Dammam. They are expected to arrive on Jan. 26 or 27. They will

fly back to Jeddah Jan. 28.

A van owned by Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal will accompany them on their ride, to carry their luggage, and equipment. They are sending news dispatches to 350 Swiss newspapers, radio and television about their trip.

Didier thanked Saudi for its help. "They gave us a first class tickets, helped through the customs and hotels in Jeddah and we had a very comfortable flight. Saudi is well known already in Switzerland. A Swiss driver, Clay Regazzoni, is driving one of the two, Saudi Williams racing cars."

He thanked Al-Ahli sports club of Jeddah and Pro-Cycle of Geneva for their patronage. He also gave special thanks to Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal and Prince Muhammad for their help and support.

Highway robbers

Murderers beheaded in Riyadh

Riyadh, Jan. 12 (SPA) — Misfer Muhammad Al-Allaj Elias and Hadi ibn Hasel ibn Alewi Al-Arjani were beheaded here Friday for murdering Rashid ibn Hamdan Al-Rashid in a highway robbery.

An Interior Ministry statement said that while Rashid was driving from Kharij to Najran, Elias and Arjani stood on the road and attacked him for a lift.

After getting into the car, the two killed Rashid and dragged his body onto the highway, to create the impression that he had died in a traffic accident. The murderers then took his valuable and sleek in the car. After a breakdown, they abandoned the car and escaped.

The court's judgement was ratified by Supreme Council of the Judiciary and approved by King Khalid, whose orders beheaded the two by the sword was carried Friday, the statement said.

Those crimes may come to appear heroic to some adolescents, who may decide that crime is a shortcut to the realization of their ambitions.

I know that a lot has been written about this subject and that some of those dealing in foreign workers have been punished.

This is grave. Through these workers we are likely to have some subversive elements infiltrate into the country. It is equally serious because to have a large number of foreigners, without their families, can lead to trouble if they remained unemployed and needy for very long. They may resort to stealing or perhaps killing. This may explain some of the recent cases of car thefts and burglary.

We are fighting to retain our traditions and lifestyles in the face of foreign influences, which we are compelled to live with because of work considerations. We have to watch out more carefully for those who are being sneaked into the country like contraband goods.

HOTEL AL KHOZAMA
RIYADH



To protest Soviet actions

Washington mulls new sanctions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP) — Two members of the U.S. Congress have said that the Soviet military action in Afghanistan may justify shipment of nuclear power fuel to India, but not without safeguards.

They predicted Friday that Congress will veto the shipments unless India provides strong assurances the fuel will not be converted for use in weapons.

Representatives Clement J. Zablocki, a Democrat from Wisconsin who is chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Jonathan B. Bingham, a New York Democrat chairman of the subcommittee dealing with nuclear nonproliferation, said they understand the Carter administration may propose such shipments soon.

Meanwhile, President Jimmy Carter met Friday with the U.S. ambassador to India, Robert F. Goheen, and gave him a letter to deliver to the country's new prime minister, Indira Gandhi.

The White House refused to release the contents of the letter, but sources said it expressed Carter's interest in the Indian subcontinent and his desire for a close working relationship with the new government.

Goheen, who has been home for consultations for 10 days, was scheduled to leave Washington Friday evening to return to New Delhi. The sources said his meeting with Carter included discussion of the Iranian and Afghan crises.

Mrs. Gandhi, who was ousted from power three years ago, was returned to her old post in a landslide election victory.

"We want to make it clear that we will not reject such a request out of hand," the Con-

gressmen said in a joint statement. "We understand why the administration is reluctant to quarrel with India precisely when the Russian invasion of Afghanistan has put a new light on India's long-term security interests," they said.

But they said in light of India's 1974 nuclear test explosion, they believe "some important nonproliferation advances will have to be obtained in order to achieve Congressional support."

"Moreover," they said, "the Indian government should spell out the essential peaceful use and no explosion guarantees covering fuel in clear, hard terms and without artful equivocation."

They accused the Indian government of using such artful equivocation by simply declaring that the 1974 nuclear test explosion was "peaceful" in intent and so did not violate

any international agreements covering fuel in clear, hard terms and without artful equivocation.

TOKYO, Jan. 12 (AP) — North Korea announced Saturday it would make an "important proposal" to South Korea in connection with the reunification of the divided nation.

The announcement was made through the official North Korean central news agency (KCNA) in a broadcast monitored in Tokyo.

KCNA said: "Proceeding from the stand to improve the relations between the North and the South and solve the reunification ques-

tions, we will send two liaison personnel to the conference room of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission in Panmunjom at 2 p.m., Jan. 12, 1980, to deliver to the side of the South a letter containing an important proposal concerning the reunification of the country."

The Pyongyang broadcast followed a South Korean statement that it will not send any officials to Panmunjom to pick up the North Korean letter unless North Korea specified who was sending the letter to whom in South Korea.

"We hope the side of the South will send send the liaison personnel concerned to receive our letter," the KCNA broadcast said.

"The prevailing situation at home and abroad urgently demands the North and the South to pool strength, unite and take practical and effective measures for promoting the peaceful reunification of the country," it said.

KCNA also reported that North Korea proposed Friday to reopen the direct telephone line installed between the North and South.

The direct Seoul-Pyongyang telephone line had been suspended for more than three years, since Aug. 30, 1976, reportedly because the North side had begun failing to answer the call. It was installed in July 1972.

At about the same time, two U.S. service-

men attached to a United Nations Command tree-chopping detail were killed by North Korean guards near Panmunjom. The incident heightened tensions between the two sides, and only recently have there been signs of improved relations.

The Korean peninsula has been divided into two nations since the 1948 occupation by Soviet forces.

Flip Corsicans free hostages; agent missing

AJACCIO, Corsica, Jan. 12 (R) — Armed Corsican nationalists who held a score of hostages in a hotel for two days have strolled flamboyantly to a nearby police station and given themselves up.

The drama, which led to three deaths on this French-controlled Mediterranean island, ended Friday when a senior police officer persuaded the 35 gunmen to surrender when he talked to them through a skylight of the luxury Fesch Hotel.

But while the hostages were released unharmed, Corsican autonomists were believed to be still holding a man they describe as an undercover police agent.

Police think that nationalists were also responsible for the kidnapping of a 70-year-old man in eastern Corsica Thursday night.

Three people were killed in shootings on Wednesday following the seizure of the hotel in the morning. Two were civilians shot by police and the third was a riot policeman.

The deaths sparked a one-day general strike on the island today organized by about 40 political and trade union organizations.

After the nationalists, still carrying their hunting rifles and singing nationalist songs, surrendered, the authorities withdrew hundreds of riot police, many of them flown in from the French mainland.

The senior government representative in Corsica, Prefect Claude Viellecas, told a press conference the gunmen would appear before the state security court in Paris.

The chain of events began when nationalists abducted two in a mountain village near Ajaccio last Sunday who they accused of being police agents.

They said they seized the hotel as a protest against undercover police activities.

GUERRILLAS: Jungle fighters backing ousted Cambodian Premier Pol Pot, temporarily allied with non-Communist guerrillas along the Thai border, wait for the start of a battle.

Spurred by Afghanistan, Iran, U.S. unleashing spy groups

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP) — U.S. Senate leaders reportedly have agreed to give priority to a bill easing restrictions on intelligence operations by the CIA and other agencies, partly in response to developments in Iran and Afghanistan.

Senator Walter D. Huddleston, chairman of the Senate intelligence subcommittee working on the bill, said Friday he hoped to win Senate approval in as little as two months.

Huddleston said Senate Democratic leader Robert C. Byrd agreed on Thursday to give the bill priority for Senate action this year.

U.S. navy world's best, Brown says

SHANGHAI, Jan. 12 (AP) — Defense Secretary Harold Brown told Communist China Saturday the United States has the most powerful navy on earth "and we intend that will continue to be the case through the 1980's and the 1990's and as far ahead as we can see."

Speaking to me of the Chinese East China Fleet, Brown said American forces are able to control the sea lanes as well as land areas, particularly in the western Pacific.

In a luncheon address after inspecting units

of the fleet in a drenching rain, the 53-year-old defense chief said he looked forward to continuing talks between U.S. and Chinese military establishments to advance their "independent and separate but parallel" efforts to counter aggression.

Earlier, he told Admiral Zheng Guozhong, commander of the fleet, that the destroyer, missile destroyer and submarine chaser he visited demonstrated "very considerable capabilities."

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By Gerulaitis

New York tournament Sees McEnroe beaten

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (AP) — Vitas Gerulaitis knocked off top-seeded John McEnroe 3-6, 7-6, 7-6 Friday night in the biggest upset of the round robin portion of the Grand Prix Masters tennis tournament.

It was a spirited rematch of the 1979 U.S. Open final between the two Americans. But while McEnroe won that one in straight sets, the highlight of his climb to the top of U.S. men's tennis, Gerulaitis rallied from a miserable start to win the rematch by taking two tense tiebreakers 9-7 and 7-4.

"Winning this match is a good boost, a good way to start off the year," Gerulaitis said. "But...this doesn't mean anything if I don't win the tournament."

Gerulaitis, the No. five seed, was scheduled to take the court again Saturday for a semifinal match against third seeded American Jimmy Connors.

McEnroe and Borg clinched their semifinal berths Thursday. Connors advanced by edging hard-serving American Roscoe Tanner 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 Friday, winning the third-set tie-breaker 7-3. Gerulaitis qualified without taking the court, advancing when Harold Solomon knocked off Guillermo Vilas of Argentina 6-2, 6-2.

Borg then assured himself of first place in his round-robin group of four by routing Jose Higueras of Spain 6-2, 6-0.

Then came the big surprise. Gerulaitis knocking off McEnroe. That match also decided the semifinal pairings, and by winning, Gerulaitis avoided an encounter with Borg, whom he has not beaten in 14 meetings.

Gerulaitis lost his opening match to Vilas but stayed alive by beating Solomon in straight sets. He started poorly against McEnroe, who dominated the first set with his serve-and-volley game. Gerulaitis began to change the pace in the second set, mixing in more lobs and off-speed shots, and that seemed to give him the boost he needed to get going in the 2½-hour marathon.

Gerulaitis, the crowd favorite, saved one match point at 6-5 in the second-set tiebreaker, which he won when McEnroe hit a service return long. The third set saw the most exciting tennis of the match, with the players exchanging breaks in the ninth and 10th games before holding serve to set up the tiebreaker, in which Gerulaitis never trailed.

Earlier, Connors bounced back from his third-set tie-breaker loss to Borg Thursday night to beat Tanner, who had 13 aces and 14 service winners but got just 56 per cent of first serves in.

Connors struggled through the first set but managed to bang on until he got his game going.

The match finally came down to the tie-breaker, and Tanner's serve deserted him. He lost all five of the points on which he served.

Connors, who failed to win a major event in 1979 and surrendered his U.S. Open title to McEnroe and his No. one computer ranking to Borg, felt confident going into the semi-finals.

At weigh-in

Spinks, Evangelista square up

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Jan. 12 (AP) — To hear the managers talk, the corners may be the deciding factor in Saturday's fight between Leon Spinks and Alfredo Evangelista.

Although both Spinks and Evangelista claim to be "new" fighters with renewed sights on the world heavyweight crown, it could be simply a question of management.

Spinks, who has the world title and lost it, will fight Evangelista, who had the European title and lost it, in a 10-round bout here.

In Friday night's official weigh-in, Spinks registered 209 pounds and Evangelista tilted the scales at 212 pounds.

Spinks, 26, an ex-Marine and Olympic Gold medalist from St. Louis, Missouri, is coming off the loss of the heavyweight crown to Muhammad Ali in September 1978 and his humiliating first-round knockout by South African's Gerrie Coetzee last June. His pro record stands at 7-2-1 with five knockouts.

For Spinks, the answer to his comeback hopes may lie in Jerry Sawyer, a one-time boxer from Detroit, Michigan. Sawyer is helping to straighten out Spinks' financial and personal life.

"There were plenty of guys around to laugh and joke with (in past days), but

British soccer scores

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THE KREMLIN HAWKS

The strength of the American reaction to the invasion of Afghanistan seems to have surprised the Soviet invaders. Yet, they have no alternative but remain in Afghanistan for the time being, at least for lack of any way out which will not involve loss of face.

One version of the events leading to the invasion, current now in the United States, is that the whole move was instigated by the hawks in the Kremlin. According to this version, Messers Brezhnev and Kosygin are at present too old and ill to be in full control of their country's affairs. The hawks who are said to have forced the issue are thought to be led by, among others M. Suslov, the party's chief theoretician, himself quite old and ill.

While it is possible that this view has an element of truth, it is more probable that the Kremlin leadership as a whole was responsible, and that the step would not have been taken without the agreement of the two top figures. The consideration which would have decided them on their course is the inability of the United States to force them out of Afghanistan once they entered it.

The Kremlin leadership, it is also certain, must have anticipated the American economic sanctions and, though realizing their importance, found them an acceptable price. Beyond this, it is clear that the Soviet Union's action was the result of a drastic revision of its view of detente, to the extent that it was willing to put it to severe risk or even altogether sacrifice it.

The Soviet aim in invading Afghanistan goes beyond that unlucky country itself. For although it is landlocked, it places the Soviet forces appreciably nearer the warm waters of the Indian Ocean and the Arab Gulf. While it would be most unlikely that the Soviets are thinking now of the all important Hormuz Straits, the United States cannot help but see the danger, given the anticipated Soviet need for oil in the near future. That need might prove to be sharp enough to spur it into a move which will precipitate a war.

But the reactions to the Soviet move among the nations of the Third World, especially those in the adjacent areas, have already begun to place barriers against such designs. The question of American bases in Turkey has now been settled, as well as that of American arms shipment to Pakistan. The Iranian revolutionary regime must have also learned the lesson, so that, once the crisis with the United States over the hostages is ended, it will have to give much closer attention to the Soviet danger.

Al Madina Saturday led with Crown Prince Fahd's statement that most statutes of the new constitution have been completed, while *Al Riyad* played as its lead story the statement of Prince Miteb, the minister of public works and housing, that future housing projects will be in the shape of villas and not apartments and that the house will be owned, and not rented, by low income people. *Okaz*'s lead highlighted danger to neighboring states as a result of the Soviet forces in Afghanistan. *Al Jarirah* quoted the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources as saying that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is strong and the relations and interests of its members are based on strong foundations.

In a front-page story, *Al Madina* highlighted the Malaysian King's call for mapping a strategy of Islamic propagation, while *Al*

Riyad gave prominence to a possible discussion on the creation of an Islamic Common Market during the Islamic Committee's meeting in Conakry. The reported killing of 60 Soviets in Badakhshan, Afghanistan, figured prominently on the front page of *Al Jarirah*.

Newspapers continued to comment on Crown Prince Fahd's recent statement saying that he has reiterated the Kingdom's policy toward different issues. *Al Nadwa* said the crown prince dealt frankly with the Arab situation, calling for a new strategy for United Arab action to restore Arab rights. The paper praised the manner in which he explained Saudi Arabia's stances on several issues.

While the paper hoped that Americans and Europeans would understand the Kingdom's stances despite Zionist propaganda, it also expected the Arabs to respond to

Saudi Arabia's call for ending their differences and give prime importance to the higher interests of the nation. Only in this way, would the Arabs be able to thwart the challenges before them, it added.

Al Madina devoted its editorial to Prince Fahd's announcement on the issuance of a constitution based on Islamic legislation. It said the new rules would provide a powerful boost for progress and development exactly as the late King Abdul Aziz had achieved — an ideal unity among the different parties of a single nation.

Al Nadwa also dealt with the same subject saying that the royal announcement confirmed that the Kingdom would see gigantic steps taken to achieve its vast aspirations. The paper added that the crown prince's statement reaffirmed that basic transformations would have a larger part in domestic and external actions.

Concerned with Zionist pressure and influence on the Ameri-

America to resume arms sales to Taiwan

By Donald Kirk

TAIPEI — The Nationalist Chinese government of Taiwan would like to have what the United States regards as distinctly "offensive" weapons for shoring up its "defenses" against mainland China, 90 miles away at the closest point.

Top of its list of priorities is a long-range, all-weather jet fighter — preferably the F-16, which the U.S. refused to sell even before President Jimmy Carter ended diplomatic relations and recognized the Communist government in Peking.

Nationalist Chinese officials, who still talk of "recovery of the mainland," are too realistic to think the U.S. will part with the F-16, but they have prepared a shopping list covering everything from aircraft to guns.

American officials are extremely reluctant to discuss relations with Taiwan for fear of exacerbating a dispute in the U.S. Congress between pro-Taiwan advocates, led by Senator Barry Goldwater, and their pro-Peking opponents, clearly in the majority.

One U.S. official in Taiwan said cautiously: "What we have promised, after a year's moratorium, is to supply them with defensive weapons as appropriate."

Another official enlarged on the theme by reading a statement he had prepared in response to my inquiry. "Military sales have increased over the past few years and are expected to remain fairly constant," he said. "At current sales level, Taiwan is one of the larger purchasers from the U.S."

Translated, that declaration means the U.S. is more than likely to agree to sell Taiwan several hundred million dollars' worth of highly sophisticated material.

Helping to expedite the flow through the arms pipeline are half-a-dozen retired American military officers and one retired master-sergeant, all staff members of the "technical services section" at the American Institute of Taiwan, Washington's link with Taipei.

The contents of Taiwan's shopping list are secret, but American sources have suggested that Nationalist leaders would settle for an advanced version of the F-5 fighter, which Taiwan is already producing on license from Northrop. The new version, the F-5G, now in the design stage in the U.S., lacks the range for "offensive" missions to the mainland but does have the all-weather capability needed to strengthen the island's small air force.

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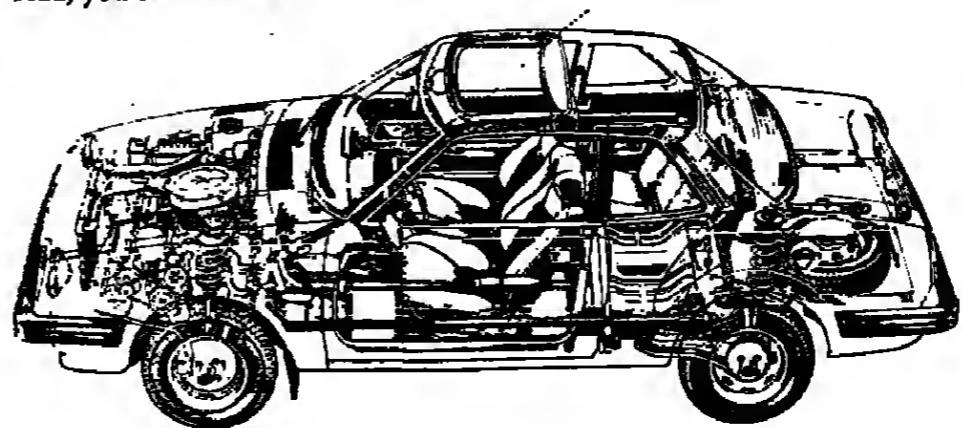
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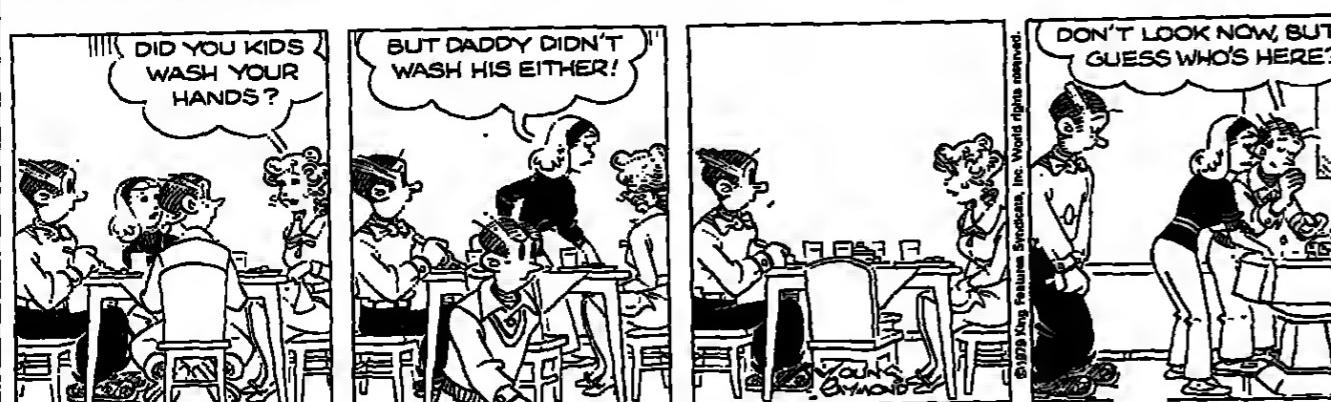
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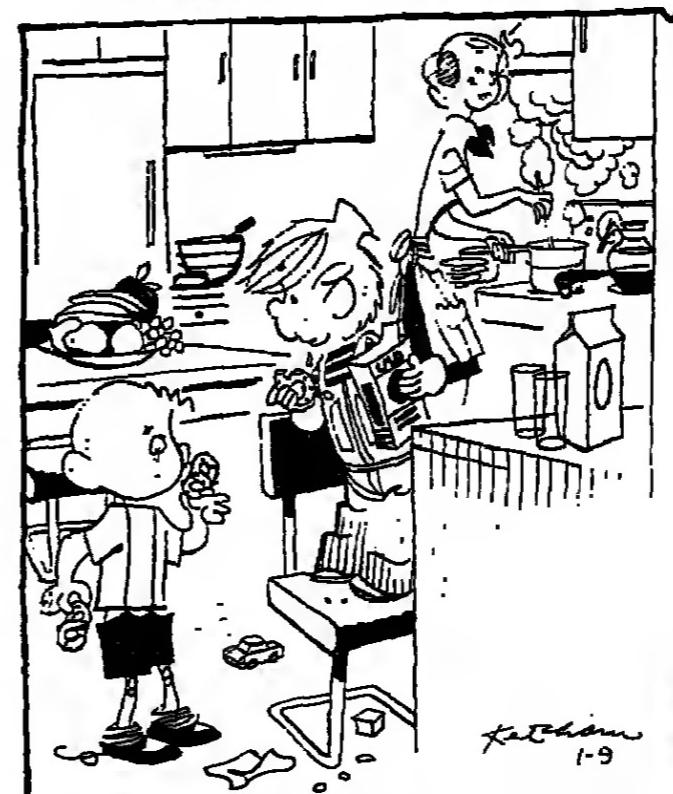
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Crossword

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ACROSS

1. Junta

4. Energy source

9. Tomorrow,

for Pedro

10. Skeletal

11. Dwelled

12. Jar

13. Barone's

wife

14. Throw off

the truck

15. Condition-

17. Tennis champ

18. Appearance

20. Tape color

21. Camper's

set-up

22. Thelma

or Miles

24. High spot

25. Have a

rendezvous

26. Italian

city

27. Word with

flat or box

28. To the

—born

29. Wynter

or Andrews

30. Border on

31. Like a

sticky

tongue

32. Bare

33. Hold out

40. "We—not

assured"

41. Cautious

42. Down

43. Mimic

44. Film

45. Invited

46. Chemistry

47. Nostalgia

48. Aid

49. Old

50. Obsolete

51. Habitat

52. Family

53. Clergyman's

54. Florida

county

55. More

56. Business

57. "—more

time!"

Yesterday's Answer

15. Salamander

16. Croquet

17. Elasticity

18. Illinois city

19. Second

Oscar winner

20. Residence

21. King

22. Bundles

23. Business

24. deal

25. Queen

26. hearts

27. time!"

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Travels in the 1980s

By Michael Carlton

DALLAS — When we entered the decade, we were carrying those big, ugly green passports. Now we have the handsome new ones that ushered in the Bicentennial year.

In 1970, we were flying off to Europe, our big bucks in our pockets, and pillaging the shops, hotels and restaurants. Next year, it is possible there will be more Europeans coming to the United States than Americans going there, and their money is worth a lot more.

In 1970, we had only a handful of airlines crossing the Atlantic. Today, it seems every airline with a plane larger than a Cessna twin-engine is jumping off to London or Paris.

In 1970, not even presidents were going to China. Today, more than 700,000 tourists are flocking into the Forbidden City and climbing the Great Wall.

It has, indeed, been an exciting ten years for travelers.

Without a doubt, the biggest news of the decade was the deregulation of airlines by the

CAB. Since that move, we have more airlines flying more places and a plethora of airfares that confuse, but also can save you a fortune, if you have a very patient travel agent willing to sort out all the possibilities.

Deregulation also has made it possible to fly more places, and at less cost, than we thought possible just 10 years ago.

Sir Freddie Laker and his Skyrain have become the darlings of the budget traveler, replacing former favorite Icelandic in the hearts of students. Another product of the 'new mood of the CAB' is the encouragement of mergers, which have saved marginal airlines from failing and propelled small-time lines into the big time. Even the names have been changed. Who, for example, would have thought that regional carrier Allegheny Airlines would suddenly be an international carrier with the name USAir?

Deregulation was only one of the major changes in the travel market in the past ten years. Some of the other trends, changes and developments as we enter the '80s:

The boom in cruise ship vacations. At the beginning of the decade, the cruise lines were in trouble. Ships were being scrapped and shipping officials said no company could afford to build a new ship. Today, the ships are packed and booked months in advance. New ships are being built and old ones — the France, S.S. United States — are being refitted to satisfy the demand for more staterooms. The unstable economy gets much of the credit for the turnaround, since cruise ships offer the luxury of knowing exactly what a vacation will cost before you leave. The around-the-world cruise also has become very popular, even with its tremendously high costs.

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— The atrium revolution. New hotels throughout the world, influenced by the likes of John Portman and the Hyatt Regency Hotels, have rethought the old concept of hotels, have rethought the old concept of hotels and have gone in for spectacular lobbies. The trend may be reversing today, as more and more new hotels are returning to a tradition of elegance. Other trends in hotels include more security, including special individual door openers that replace keys; a proliferation of new budget hotels, replacing Holiday Inns, which can hardly be considered in the real budget category any longer; the rise of the concierge in American hotels.

— The shift in travel patterns by Americans. Let's face it, we have been in the same old rut for most of this decade. Texans always go to Mexico and Hawaii and Las Vegas. We still do, but now we are also beginning to discover Europe. And the Far East. And South America. And Canada.

— Winter of our discontent. Not all the changes in tourism have been beneficial, or happy. The growing independence of many of the Caribbean nations has sometimes led to hostility to visitors. Incidents such St.

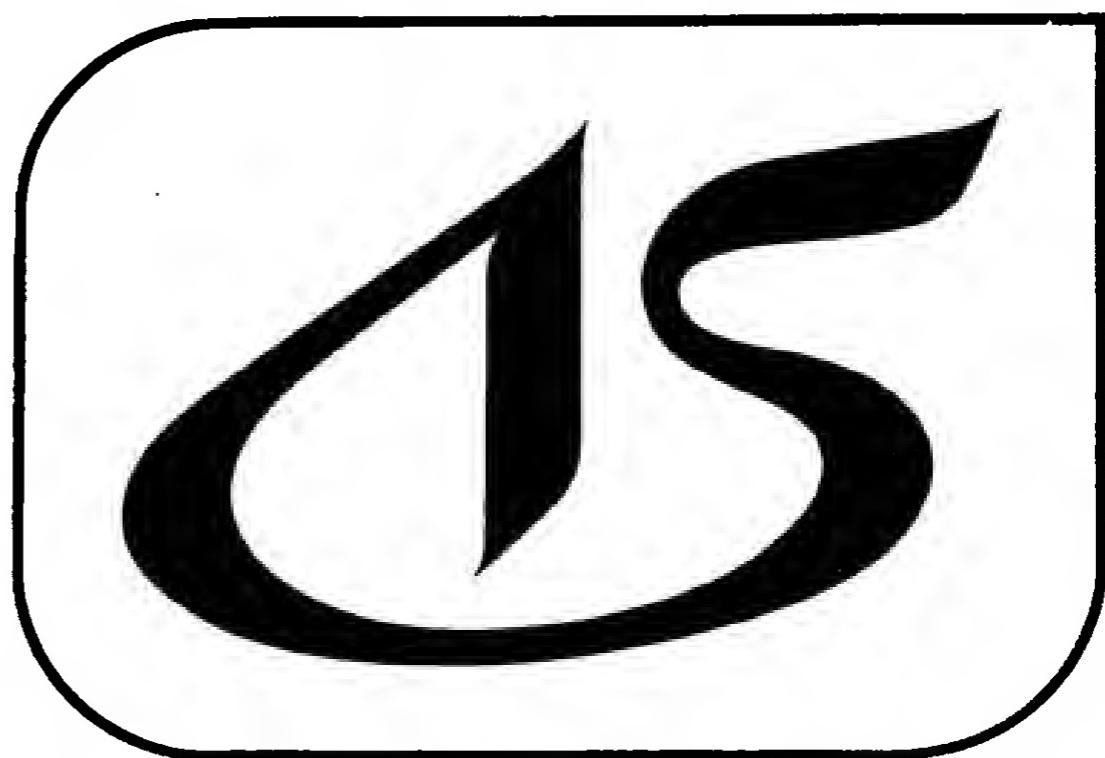


Sir Freddie Laker

Croix's Fountains Valley massacre, lessening service, and widespread hotel failures in such islands as Jamaica and the Bahamas, have tarnished the shining jewels of tourism. On a

positive side, Cuba is beginning to receive tourists again and may one day return to its place as the pearl of the Caribbean. The rush of people to fly also has caused problems.

from long delays at airline ticket counters to crowded lanes and from lengthy waits when trying to phone in a reservation to overbooking.



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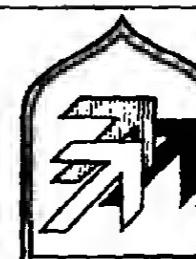
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International

As fighting continues

Iran executes 11 criminals in Tabriz

TEHRAN, Jan. 12 (Agencies) — The Revolutionary Court in Tabriz executed 11 persons Saturday morning after finding them guilty of arson and rising against the Islamic Republic in the city where revolutionary guards and dissident forces have clashed all week, the official news agency Pars said.

Pars said the 11 were found guilty of "creating and insecurity, committing arson, rising against the Islamic Republic armed with clubs and other weapons, and murder and torture of Muslims in Tabriz."

Three persons were reported killed in Tabriz in an overnight clash between revolutionary guards loyal to Ayatollah Khomeini and members of the dissident Muslim Peoples' Republican Party.

Both groups are demanding withdrawal of revolutionary guards from their provincial capitals. The dissidents in Tabriz, in the northwest, have declared their loyalty to Mohammed Kazem Shariat-Madari, considered Iran's second most important Ayatollah.

Meanwhile, John Thomas, an American Indian who met with militants holding 50 hostages at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran said Saturday he was trying to obtain the release of a captive who is part Kiowa Indian and hopes to meet with the militants again.

In Tabriz a revolutionary guard spokesman said his forces had planted an explosive device at the MPRP headquarters in an effort to disperse the MPRP gunmen and disarm them. In the three hours of early morning clashes that followed the blast, two MPRP members and one guardsman were killed, he said.

He said MPRP members were arrested and one guardsman was taken hostage by the MPRP. Many banks, shops and businesses reportedly have been sacked and burned in this week's fighting in the city of 600,000. Schools and businesses are reported closed.

The spokesman also said a guardsman was killed Friday when the guards attacked a MPRP group that had set up a roadblock on the Marand-Tabriz road. He said about a dozen MPRP men were arrested.

In the western capital of Sanandaj, there was a stand-off between the guards and Kurdish dissidents.

The dissidents continued their sit-in at the governor general's office and set up positions on the roof of the Jame Mosque and controlled the road to the airport, a guard spokesman said.

The revolutionary guard forces were holding the radio and television station and their own headquarters, a government spokesman said.

A government peace mission is expected to travel to Sanandaj next week.

The official Pars news agency reported from the holy city of Qom that Ayatollah Reza Golpayegani met with Sharif-Madari and condemned the regional violence, blaming it on "Eastern and Western imperialism, international Zionist and atheist Marxist leftists and their sympathizers."

In the meantime, Iran's Islamic authorities have established a center for the abolition of sin.

The Tehran daily newspaper *Bamdad* said Saturday the center, set up on the orders of the prosecutor's office, would prevent

activities harmful to Islamic society and young people in particular.

Bamdad quoted a statement from the center in which it said it would prevent the causes of deviation and campaign against offences to public decency "advising those who have committed sins and saving those brothers and sisters who, as a result of colonial culture, have deviated..."

It said its agents would issue warnings to owners of places of entertainment which spread corruption and sin.

Offences would include performances by female singers and dancers, the distribution of drugs, the admission of men with their mistresses, the picking up of girls and women in cabarets, cinemas, self-service cafes and restaurants and the publication of provocative pictures at cinemas or in magazines.

The center called on all places of entertainment to keep that entertainment in line with Islamic principles and said restaurants should close by 10 p.m.

In another development, minor candidates for Iran's presidential election may be barred from radio and television, a member of the electoral control commission said here Saturday. Hojatoleslam Khomeini told an open-air prayer meeting at Tehran University: "If the nation permits, I will omit those who are not 100 per cent competent to run for president. The remaining number will have a chance for publicity."

Hojatoleslam Khomeini did not say how the selection would be made or how he hinted to consult the rest of the country.

Want prisoners released

Leftists seize Panama embassy, hold 7

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador Jan. 12 (AP) — Some 50 leftist militants have seized the Panamanian Embassy and are holding seven hostages, including two ambassadors. There was no violence, according to a national guard spokesman.

Among the hostages taken Friday were Panamanian Ambassador David Perez Ramos, Costa Rican Ambassador Alejandro Alvarado Piza and Costa Rican Charge D'Affaires Santo David Lopez. The Costa Rican diplomats were visiting the building at the time. The other hostages were not identified immediately.

The militants said they were members of the February 28 Popular League. They said they seized the embassy to press for the immediate release of three league members arrested during a clash with guardsmen last

month in a labor dispute at a nearby coffee plantation.

In San Jose, the Costa Rican foreign minister, Rafael Angel Calderon, said his government will do everything possible to obtain the release of their diplomats. He said he had contacted the Salvadoran foreign ministry to discuss possible action, but did not elaborate.

National guard troops cordoned off the embassy building but a guard spokesman said it was "only a preventive measure" and there was no violence.

"They have no orders to take any kind of action," the spokesman added.

The Popular Revolutionary Bloc, another leftist militant group, seized the Costa Rican, Venezuelan and French embassies last May and held them, part of the time with hostages,

Training for space travel

Peking opens school for astronauts

PEKING, Jan. 12 (R) — China is training astronauts for future manned space flights, according to the Shanghai daily *Wenhuabao*.

It said China's first generation of astronauts had already undergone strenuous tests and simulated flights.

China put its first satellite into orbit in April 1970. It circled the Earth playing the revolutionary anthem "The East is Red."

Seven satellites have been sent into orbit since then, the last reported in January 1978.

Wenhuabao said the trainee astronauts were performing such tests as vibration exer-

cises, centrifugal force experiments, shock wave practice, weightlessness tests and simulated flights.

Last July the Japanese newspaper *Asahi Shimbun* quoted two visiting Chinese space experts as saying China had plans for manned flights but they had not yet taken "concrete shape."

China was hoping to be able to launch communications satellites by itself before 1985, the experts were quoted as saying.

Meanwhile the United States had agreed to launch television satellite for China incorporating some Chinese technology.

And during talks in Peking earlier this week, Defense Secretary Harold Brown agreed to supply China with a Landsat-D satellite ground station.

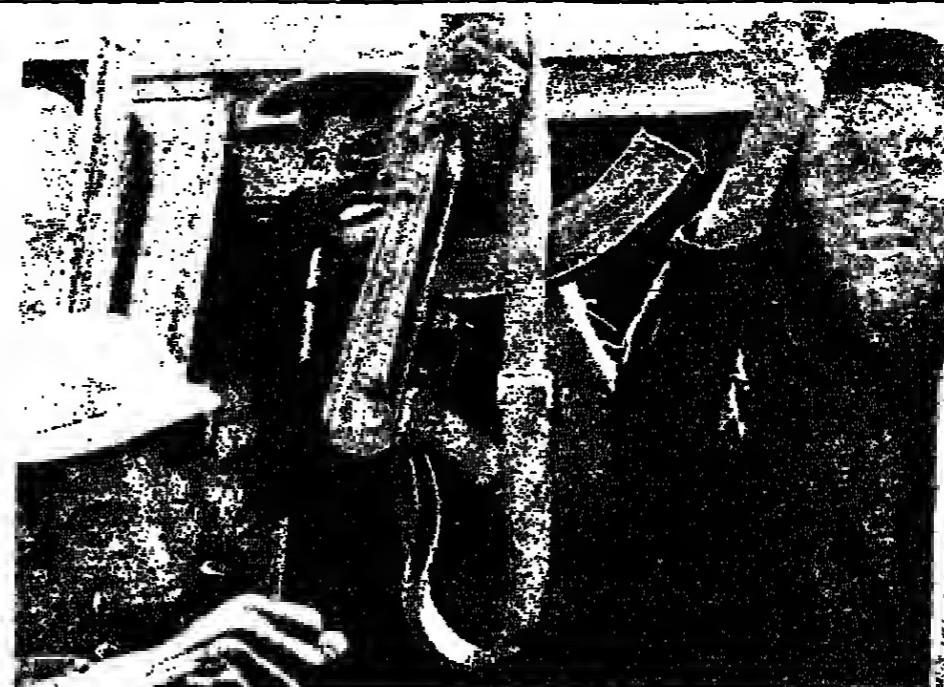
China has also had discussions with the European Space Agency on possible cooperation. China has developed an international ballistic missile under its nuclear weapons program with a range of about 7,000 nautical miles, according to reference works.

But lack of adequate technology in such fields as computers and the miniaturization of components is believed to be hindering progress.

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BACK FROM BUSH : Guerrillas of Robert Mugabe's army show contrasting reactions to cheers they receive when their bus passes through a black township at Mtoko, Rhodesia.

Jubilant Africans stream across Rhodesian border

MACHIPANDA, Mozambique, Jan. 12 (Agencies) — Hundreds of jubilant Africans poured across the border into Rhodesia Saturday when the frontier with Mozambique reopened after almost four years.

Rhodesian immigration officials grinned and shook hands as the singing and dancing crowd ran around the buildings.

The jubilant scene came a day after the Rhodesian army killed seven Patriotic Front guerrillas who Security Forces say refused to accept amnesty under terms of the two-week-old cease-fire agreement.

It was the first reported incident of its kind since the cease-fire went into effect.

On Thursday, Rhodesian military commanders said if they spot the guerrillas out of authorized assembly camps they will call on them to give up and join their comrades in the camps.

"If they don't agree, we can zap them," said one commander.

Friday's communiqué on the deaths said the guerrillas were killed near the southwestern Rhodesian town of Lupane. It said they were from Joshua Nkomo's branch of the guerrilla alliance.

Those guerrillas, previously based in Zimba, were accused earlier this week of being responsible for the deaths of six civilian killed by cross-fire in Lupane between police and guerrillas.

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In other developments, freshly laid anti-personnel mines had been found in the vicinity of the Forbes border post Umtali on Rhodesia's eastern frontier with Mozambique, the communiqué said.

The wire fence separating Mozambique and Rhodesia was ripped down Saturday by a Mozambique official who immediately invited Rhodesian officials and waiting journalists into Mozambique.

Results of the seven-year war were evident, including a gaping hole caused by a Rhodesian rocket in one of the Machipanda customs buildings.

Throughout the morning blasts echoed across the valley as Rhodesian engineers detonated mines a short distance from the border posts.

The first Rhodesian tourists to cross the border, Bob and June Demaine, said they wanted to buy some of Mozambique's famed prawns.

The opening was delayed for three hours and Rhodesian officials said that under the British agreement with Mozambique the border would be closed again for a short time. It will reopen on Monday for regular traffic.

Enthusiastic greetings between Rhodesians and Mozambicans contrasted sharply with the bitter enmity which existed between the two countries during the war.

Mozambique has been the main base for guerrillas who have frequently shelled the border town of Umtali. Rhodesian defense forces have frequently raided deep into Mozambique to strike at guerrilla bases.

The governor of Mozambique's Manica Province, Manuel António, arrived at the border post but declined to appear at the reopening because Mozambique officials said, British Governor Lord Soames was not present. A local commissar deputized for him.

As the Mozambique delegation, with a white flag held aloft, walked to the border line they hardly glanced in the direction of two loud explosions near the rail line a few hundred yards away.

The Rhodesians are clearing their own land mines in preparation for the resumption of traffic.

On the innate contrariness of daily life, and the universal grouch it engenders. Like buying an umbrella being the guarantee of clear blue skies; as leaving it the sure harbinger of heavy rain. Like missing a connecting flight because your first flight was late, and having the connecting flight cancelled when it is early. In both cases you have to spend the night in an airport lounge, because, of course, you thought you wouldn't need a transit visa. Then (you being that same umbrella man) landing in Jeddah to find it pelting with rain — their first in two years! — And where is that trusty brumby? Just as I thought back in London, Who would need it in sunstruck Jeddah?

Smile now as you accompany my chant: Wash your car carefully and then see the rain pouring down; and realize that the insurance has run out at the same moment that it conks out. If in a hurry, wash all the pretty little red traffic lights everywhere, and why is the lane you chose always the slowest?

If you lose something, the surest way to find it is to give up and buy it anew. For, go back into your house — and there it is, where it has always been. Now go to the bathroom for a shower after all that rushing; and that is a sign for the phone to ring (wrong number — need one add). Rush back dripping and it is the doorknob ("Is there a Mr. Purvis here?"")

If you are a non-smoker, all your friends are, it goes without saying, confirmed smoke friends. If you are a smoker, none of them smoke; and you have to endure their constant annoyance with your foul-tasting their pure air. Worse still if you are between — i.e., someone who has just given up smoking. Smoking friends avoid you because of your self righteous attitudes and non-smoking one strikes you as insensitive to your glorious suffering in the great cause.

Give your little boy a bicycle and have him complain a little later that all the roads climb up and up. Tell him, gnomically, oh yes indeed this is how it will always be. And when does your toothache start but on Saturday morning? And when does it end but on Monday morning (of course in Arab lands you will have it Thursday to Saturday?) Now go to work hale and hearty but

Buy an umbrella to guarantee clear blue sky: Then leave it at home and walk out into the rain.

Translated by Ashraq Al Awasat

Moghul art treasures stolen from museum

NEW DELHI, Jan. 12 (AP) — Garments woven of gold thread and an antique horn belonging to a Muslim emperor who ruled here in the 19th century were stolen this week from a New Delhi museum and may have been smuggled.

The items were a gold brocade jacket, belonging to the Moghul Emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar, a golden skirt worn by his wife Zeenat Mahal and 18th century mother-of-pearl horn with a large ruby fixed on it.

Police said the items were "priceless" and did not name a figure.



IN HER STUDIO : Repairing a collage made out of leather. On loan from Matzen Pharaon.



"COPPER CITY" : A superb collage made out of plain copper and copper enamelled pieces.



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"OLD MAN" : The weather beaten face of an aged Arab man is portrayed in this pencil drawing.

Recently married to Frank Smith who is with Saudi — for the past five years she has been teaching Junior High arts and crafts at Parents' Cooperative School in Jeddah. In an interview in her studio at her home site said "I've always been interested in art. But, I really didn't seriously start drawing for myself until three years ago."

"Perceptions" covers a broad area of subject matter with one common ingredient: all subjects were perceived in the Islamic world. Throughout, they show a romantic streak. As artist Smith states "You must have magic in your heart and you must know your materials."

This she most certainly does. The media employed is varied — collages, watercolors, pencil, oil, scratchboard and pen and ink drawings depending on the subject and the mood. One can see Dhow makers, old, grizzled men in earnest conversation, a goat lady etc. The style is also varied — ranging from the realistic, conventional approach in her pencil drawings as in "Conversations" — to the stereotyped shapes and patterns shown in her

leather collages.

"Copper City" is one of the most striking pieces in the 35 piece collection and — an excellently executed collage done in copper and colored copper enamel pieces. Done on an ultramarine blue background which includes, shapes of minarets, mosques and buildings in copper, the power of the background of the collage is brought out by graceful Arabic arches in the foreground.

The first night of the exhibition which will open on Monday, January 14 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Al Badr Sheraton Hotel on Airport Road will be by invitation only. The general public are invited from Jan. 15 through Jan. 17 at the same time.

There will be about 35 pictures represented with prices ranging from SR100 for a print to SR 9,500 for a painting. It is an exhibition well worth your time to go and see.

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